

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Adopted and Filed Emergency After Notice

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 249A.4, the Department of Human Services amends Chapter 78, “Amount, Duration and Scope of Medical and Remedial Services,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment eliminates the requirement for completing two forms in order to qualify for Medicaid payment for a hearing aid. Through consultation with the Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispenser Medicaid Advisory Group, the Department has determined that the documentation required on Form 470-0361, Report of Examination for a Hearing Aid, and Form 470-0828, Hearing Aid/Evaluation Selection Report, is available in the patient record and can be submitted upon request. Copying the information onto these forms is a duplication of effort and unnecessarily time-consuming. Selected elements from these forms have been combined into new, shorter Form 470-4767, Examiner Report of Need for a Hearing Aid, which is required only in the few circumstances when prior approval of the hearing aid purchase is required.

Notice of Intended Action on this amendment was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on May 20, 2009, as **ARC 7771B**. The Department received no comments on the Notice of Intended Action. This amendment is identical to that published under Notice of Intended Action.

This amendment does not provide for waivers in specified situations because it removes restrictions on hearing aid coverage. Requests for waiver of this rule may be submitted under the Department’s general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

The Council on Human Services adopted this amendment on July 8, 2009.

The Department finds that this amendment confers a benefit on Medicaid members who need hearing aids and on practitioners involved in providing hearing aids by streamlining procedures. Therefore, this amendment is filed pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.5(2)“b”(2), and the normal effective date of this amendment is waived.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

This amendment shall become effective on August 1, 2009.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of this amendment [78.14] is being omitted. This amendment is identical to that published under Notice as **ARC 7771B**, IAB 5/20/09.

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